

Aruba PM wants stronger business presence

Prime Minister Mike Eman of the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba would like to see Dutch multinationals return

Speaking at the end of a three-day visit to the Netherlands, Mr Eman said that Aruba provides a good springboard for business with Central and South America, because of its familiarity with the region, the language and the commercial culture.

The Aruban prime minister, who came into office after a landslide victory of his party in September, would like to see big businesses like Unilever or Philips use his island for their regional headquarters. Mr Eman also spoke to Air France KLM about reinstating its service between Amsterdam and Aruba. KLM stopped flights on the line in March 2009 after decades of service. □



Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman

On Saturday November 28

Women's Club of Aruba commemorates World Aids Day at The Village



ORANJESTAD - On December first, the whole world will celebrate World Aids Day.

The theme chosen by the United Nations for this year is 'Universal Access and Human Rights' to emphasize the importance to work towards universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, recognizing these as fundamental human rights.

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On a chilly Saturday in January, Mike said he had to work and Brooke decided to go to the gym and get a massage. Mike planned the day perfectly, he ran out bought 20 dozen (240 roses) and filled their apartment with petals and bouquets.

After setting the scene, Mike waited impatiently. As Brooke came up the hallway she smelled fresh flowers. Michael was beaming as he opened the door and Brooke was completely in shock! Mike had her sit on the couch to relax as he got down on his knee started giving her the 100 reasons why he loved her as he pulled out a long list and went through each and every one of them. They laughed, cried and hugged at each and every reason. These were memories they had together, inside jokes, happy times, personality and physical traits and all the wonderful things that you



could ever wish for the person you love to say about you! After about 20 minutes, Mike asked if Brooke if she would be his wife; she shouted yes and they cheered with a bottle of Dom Perignon.

The wedding plans began and they wanted a destination wedding so that the guests could get to know one another and Aruba was their first vacation together in March 2008.

The welcome party took place at Aqua Grill on the outside deck and the rehearsal dinner took place the following night at Passions on Eagle Beach.

The wedding day took place on Eagle Beach. Reverend Robert Gibson delivered the sermon together with 50 guests who traveled from California, Pittsburgh, New Jersey and New York to witness the union

of marriage.

The evening was amazing from a gorgeous sunset, a loving couple and family and friends to share the special day. Following the ceremony the reception took place at Hyatt Regency Resort which was transformed into an elegant reception with green & purple to accent the wedding theme.

The wedding coordinator, Edwina Werleman of E2 Events did a superb job at creating every detail to perfection. The evening with dinner and dancing under the stars was great as everyone enjoyed the blissful occasion. "All our events were in one word "Perfect," the wedding day was everything we imagined and more", stated Michael and added "Brooke



was the most beautiful bride ever and she's a Phenomenal Wife!" "We would like to thank our parents, family and friends for coming to Aruba to help us celebrate our favorite day together. We would also like to thank Irma Bijen from Aqua Grill, Anne

Maduro from Passions, Tita Iglesias from the Hyatt, Bella Aruba Photography and our exceptional wedding planner Edwina Werleman, stated the newlyweds."

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At the Renaissance Marketplace

Starbucks Coffee trains local Baristas for its new outlet



ORANJESTAD - An intense Barista training has been quietly taking place in anticipation for the opening of the first Starbucks Coffee in Aruba on November 28 during the Island Extravaganza Event. Manager Vivian Tromp and her hand-picked crew of future Baristas are experiencing the Starbucks certification, covering a variety of subjects as presented in the Starbucks Passport, from first impression to an overview of the Starbucks Experience.

Starbucks coffee corporate training program leaves nothing to chance, and the new Baristas are diligently studying about customer care in relations to coffee, as it is outlined in their 100 level training manual for licensed stores. Among

subjects discussed, the food case, the espresso bar, the cold beverages, coffee & tea tastings, and in general terms the coffee industry, growing, processing, roasting, packaging, brewing and tasting, and the different coffee growing

regions of the world including Latin American, Africa, Arabia, Asia and the Pacific. The countdown for the opening is on. Starbucks coffee will feature about 14 seats inside and 32 outside on the terrace, and will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.,

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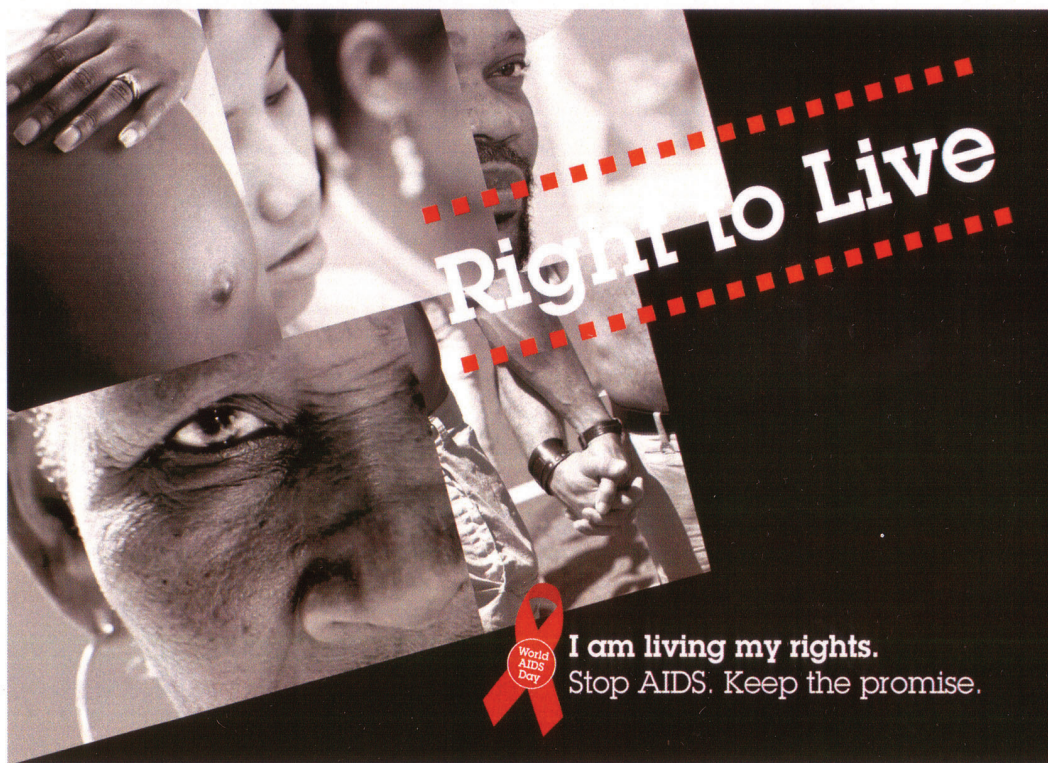
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Women's Club of Aruba commemorates World Aids Day at The Village



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The AIDS committee of The Women's Club of Aruba will be organizing several activities around The World AIDS Day during the "AIDS Awareness week", starting on November 24 and ending on December 1st. This year the committee

joined other foundations and government departments like Famia Planea, FBP: The foundation for information and prevention for the gay community, the department of Social affairs, The Red Cross Aruba and UNAIDS. Together we formed the WAD 2009: World AIDS Day committee 2009.

During the whole week, the media will focus on the disease and its consequences, especially on the persons living with the disease on our island. Our goal is helping switch the negative approach towards HIV/AIDS infected persons, and as a first step, achieve a positive change of

attitude in our community where we are able to show compassion, understanding and support. The AIDS committee is organizing two activities in this week. On Saturday November 28 starting at 4:00 pm, there will be a family activity at The Village, the new shopping centre in front of the Radisson. There will be booths with information, but also activities for the family and musical entertainment. We want this afternoon to be filled with love, smiles, art and music by switching the outlook of people towards this reality.

For the first time this event will be one in the form of a village. The AIDS awareness village which will be a designated area to be used for the sole purpose of creating an awareness and education ambience, in which the visitors will have the opportunity to interact with members of different committees and organizations where information will be presented in a refreshed way. Around 10:00 pm, the organization "I love muzika", will have a "Boogie Nights" party at Confessions Night club, celebrating their 13th



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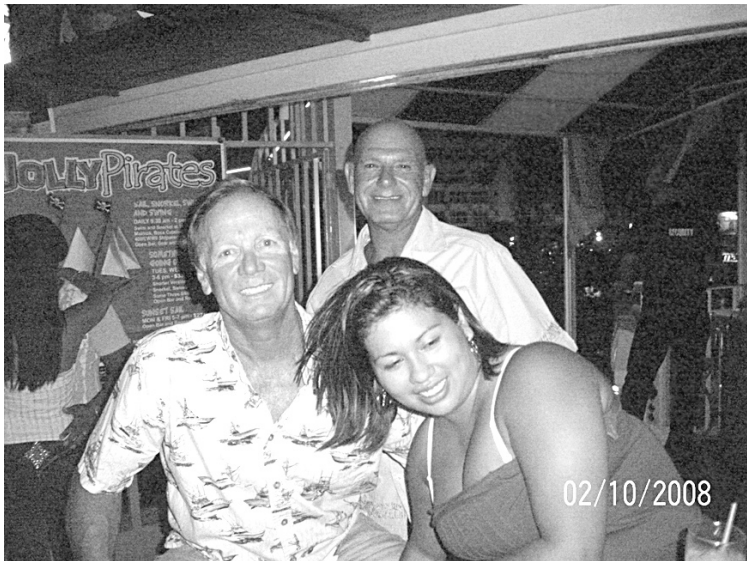
anniversary of existence and dedicating this party to AIDS awareness. On December 1st, we will have our annual WORLD AIDS DAY walk that will start and end at the Plaza Daniel Leo downtown Oranjestad at 6:30 pm. The walk will take about 30 minutes. We ask the public a contribution of awg. 5.00 and the participants will receive a t shirt, a candle and their red ribbon. After the walk their will be a small ceremony to commemorate the day and we will place booths where the public can purchase something to drink and eat. Casa Tua restaurant will have one of the booths on the plaza especially for this event. An invitation goes to all to come and support Women's Club of Aruba in their fight against HIV/AIDS. □

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more than proven his worth.

Laid-back, refreshingly young, and ambitious, Ludwich began his career as a chef by enrolling in Aruba's hospitality and culinary arts school—the best decision he has ever made, he wholeheartedly claims. With ten years in the kitchen and three years as a chef, Ludwich has developed an impressive arsenal of cooking skills. He attributes the majority of his growth as a chef to his years

of working under his mentor, Vittorio Muscarllo, owner of Hostaria Da' Vittorio and one of the most highly respected chefs on Aruba.

In his two months with Pam Pam, Ludwich has entirely remodeled the kitchen to make it more efficient. He has also created a whole new menu featuring particularly unique dishes in order to distinguish Pam Pam from the endless number of restaurants along Aruba's hotel strip. While the menu still offers Dutch snacks and typical Dutch platters like sate to appease the many Dutch interns residing at Perle d'Or, the rest of the menu offers upscale fusion cuisine. Lemon grass and chillies give several seafood dishes a Thai flair; homemade ravioli and beef carpaccio salute Italy; crustacean ceviche adds a Peruvian element; and Indonesian spices add zest to a handful of casual main dishes.

Ludwich also craftily adds little unexpected twists to some classic dishes, elevating the uniqueness of his menu. One of his personal favorites is his porcini-crusted filet mignon served with a thyme red-wine reduction. He also delights in the fact that most diners have a hard time figuring out the sweet and spicy deliciousness of his signature crustacean platter. Other interesting interpretations include lump-crab lollipops, chicken cordon blue unorthodoxly stuffed with ricotta and bacon, and for dessert, tiramisu that promises an untraditional layer of decadent Bailey's chocolate mousse.

Needless to say, Ludwich is creative in the kitchen and works extremely hard, currently putting in 12 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week; but he insists that this is not what makes a good chef good. "I simply love what



I do for a living," confides Ludwich, and this is what guarantees success in the kitchen and contented diners. Of course, being a chef can be downright stressful, but Ludwich thrives on the rush of adrenaline on busy nights. And when he peers out of the kitchen and sees a restaurant full of people enjoying their meals, he experiences immense satisfaction. For reservations call: 5877710 or 7483848, or visit us at www.pampamaruba.com. □

PALM BEACH - On Friday November 27, the final race of the Dart 18 Worlds and Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta 2009 had to be cancelled. The 28 knots strong trade wind put an early end to the sailing competition and battle for bronze. The German Dart duo Matthias Huber and Dominik Volke could celebrate its third position. John Moret and Paul Smissaert (NED) remain in second position at the Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta, followed by Leo Ambtman and Maarten Kroon on the Tornado. The prize giving will be at Moomba’s Beach during a dinner party with live music. As soon as the tenth race was officially abandoned, the German sailors started celebrating their medal. “This is outstanding”, jubilated Matthias Huber. “We were looking forward to the last fight with Thierry Wibaux,

Dart 18 Worlds And Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta

No Racing on Final Day of Catamaran Regatta

but of course we are also very happy with this result.” It was the fourth event for Huber and Volke as a team. In 2008, they won the German Nationals and they finished eleventh at the Worlds in the Netherlands.

Dutch glory

“We are absolutely pleased with our fourth place”, said Bart Damen from the Netherlands. “To be honest, I am glad that we didn’t go out sailing today. It would have been difficult to keep this position with a second discard. It was a great sailing week.” Nicolette van Gorp



and Ruud van Gisbergen (NED) also considered the abandoned race as their luck. Van Gisbergen: “We didn’t come for snorkeling, but it would have been hard to keep the fifth spot. It is the first time that a female helmsman makes it to the top five at the Worlds.” Thierry Wibaux from France needed today’s result in order to get rid off his second discard. That would bring him close to bronze, but it wasn’t meant to be. Wibaux: “The pressure is gone now, so it is ok. This is part of the game.”

Dart 18 News

“Yesterday at the Annual General Meeting, we proudly announced the Aruban Dart 18 Class Association”, says Nicolette van Gorp, Chairman of the International Dart Association (IDA). “Over the

last few years, the Aruban Dart 18 fleet has grown from one to seven boats at the moment.” And it was the first time ever that the Caribbean Island hosted a World Championship for catamarans. Van Gorp: “We are all pleased with this spot and it was very well organized. Unfortunately the crisis spoil the number of entries. However, it was good to see a bigger Swiss and German attendance, which is good for the class. France was the only country that hesitated in 2007, when Aruba was chosen as location for the 2009 Worlds. And they came here with the biggest and enthusiatic group.” Next year’s Worlds will be in Weymouth / England.

Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta This morning, the F18 Capsize Kings John Moret and Paul Smissaert (NED) were relieved that they did not



have to test the limits again. Moret: “This was my 18th Aruba Regatta and I have never experienced this before. It was great sailing with lots of swimming and a good rescue team.” His crew Smissaert calls it a ‘sensational week’: “In fact it was too windy and I normally don’t ever say that. It took al lot of energy, but it was also good fun. We are grateful for all the assistance on the water.” Leo Ambtman and Maarten Kroon finished third overall with



their Tornado. Ambtman: “It was a tough regatta. It started with rough conditions, which was a bit too much for us, so we didn’t sail the first race. It is unfortunate that we couldn’t do the last one in the big breeze. We could have beaten John, in case he would capsize. The Tornado is still a beautiful boat to sail here.” According to event organizer Edwin Lodder (NED) the twentieth edition of the Aruba Heineken Catamaran

Regatta is going to be a true jubilee: “In 2010, we will try to bring as many former and new competitors together in another great sailing week on Aruba. Hopefully the exposure to the ten countries that were represented this year, will bring new sailors to the Caribbean.” Dart 18 Worlds 2009 - Final top five after 9 races and one discard:

1. FRA - Emmanuel Dodé & Fred Moreau, 9 points
2. GBR - David Lloyd & Joanna Jones-Pierce, 20 points
3. GER - Matthias Huber & Dominik Volke, 30 points
4. NED - Ruud Goudriaan & Bart Damen, 37 points
5. NED - Nicolette van Gorp & Ruud van Gisbergen, 45 points

Final top three Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta after nine races and one discard:

1. NED - F18 - Xander & Mark Pols, 7 points
2. NED - F18 - John

Moret & Paul Smissaert, 18 points

3. NED - Tornado - Leo Ambtman & Maarten Kroon, 23,5 points

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The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, **Texas de Brazil** will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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Red ribbon radio-thon, free HIV testing Sunday

PHILIPSBURG--Scotiabank will be transformed into an HIV testing facility, an information hub, a broadcast studio and an atmosphere of fun on Sunday when the bank and St. Maarten AIDS Foundation hold their second annual radio-thon to raise funds for the Stronger Together Red Ribbon Campaign and to raise awareness about the pandemic.

Free and confidential rapid testing will be conducted at Scotiabank and at L.B. Scott Sports Auditorium during the campaign, which runs from

9:00am to 3:00pm. About 300 testing kits are available and pre- and post-counselling will also be provided.

The day's event will also feature, for the first time, a basketball competition at L.B. Scott Sports Auditorium. Teams interested in competing are asked to register by this evening.

The intention is to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS, as well as to encourage youngsters to get tested and know their status, St. Maarten AIDS Foundation volunteer Prevention Coordinator Rajesh

Chintaman said Thursday. American University of the Caribbean (AUC) School of Medicine will assist in the testing, which AIDS Foundation President Gerard van Osch assured would be confidential and anonymous, as only numbers will be used, not names. Results will be available in 30 minutes.

Information on HIV and AIDS will be given throughout the day and free condoms distributed as efforts are stepped up to raise much-needed funds to fuel the positive work of St. Maarten

AIDS Foundation in 2010. More than 100 volunteers are on board for the event. Entire families are encouraged to visit Scotiabank on Sunday as there will be entertainment by several groups as well as activities to keep children entertained.

Scotiabank Country Manager Elie Bendaly said the Red Ribbon Campaign, which has raised about US \$100,000 since it started four years ago, was below its target amount for this year. Only US \$11,000

has been raised thus far, less than half of the US \$25,000 target. "We do need a big push and we do need your support on Sunday," Bendaly said. Funds from the radio-thon will go towards the various programmes executed by the AIDS Foundation, such as its media campaign, commercial sex workers programme, girl power programme and condom distribution campaign. The foundation is also hoping to start a boys programme soon, Chintaman said. □

Court deals with two sex offenders

PHILIPSBURG--Two men stood trial in separate cases Wednesday for having committed sex crimes. One of them was sent to Capriles Clinic in Curaçao. The other man will know his fate on December 2.

Tito Priest (29) is having serious psychiatric problems. He had told the Police that he had assaulted and tried to rape a woman on July 24. Voices inside his head had told him that he needed to have sex with a woman "to be freed of a curse, torture, and death."

Priest admitted to the assault, but denied that that he also taken the woman's purse.

According to an examining psychiatrist, Priest has a history of psychiatric problems and heavy use of marijuana. Two years ago, he was put under mandatory treatment at a mental health institution after he had sexually assaulted a tourist.

He was described as displaying signs of heavy psychosis and of chronic schizophrenia.

Prosecutor Rienk Mud said he considered attempted rape proven and that he would drop the theft charge. He added, however, that Lopes could not be held accountable for his acts.

"He is, therefore, not punishable and should be discharged from prosecution.

But it is absolutely necessary for him to be treated."

Attorney-at-law Geert Hatzmann fully subscribed to the Prosecutor's opinion, stating that his client was a "pitiful" man. "There is only one solution; mandatory treatment," Hatzmann said.

Judge M. Paulides did not differ in opinion and ordered a one-year mandatory treatment at Capriles Clinic.

Prosecutor Mud asked the Court to impose six years on R.C. (28), whom he held responsible for the rape of a girl on March 2, and of another girl on June 30.

The man did not deny that he had had intercourse with the girls, aged 14 and 15, in the washroom at the back of his house. But it was fully consensual, he said.

The Prosecutor dismissed this statement as a "tactical confession," made at the eleventh hour to escape severe punishment. "I'm not buying this," Mud said. "He has laid his violent hands on these girls."

R.C. insisted that he had not raped anyone, and his lawyer Geert Hatzmann said there was not much evidence to the contrary to be found in the police file. □

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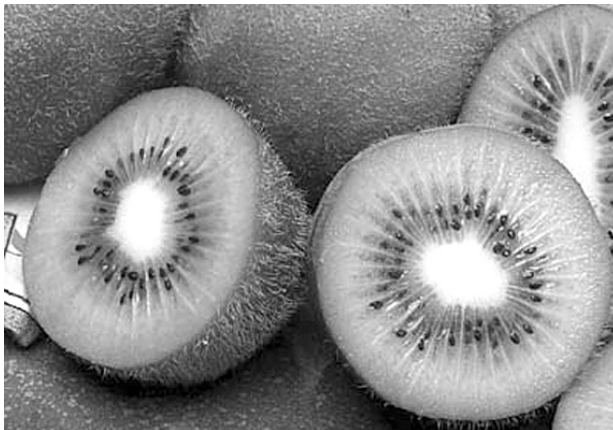
There is no such thing as some fruits, like orange and lemon are acidic, because all fruits become alkaline in our body, according to Dr. Herbert Shelton who did research on this matter. If you have mastered the correct way of eating fruits, you have the Secret of beauty, longevity, health, energy, happiness and normal weight.

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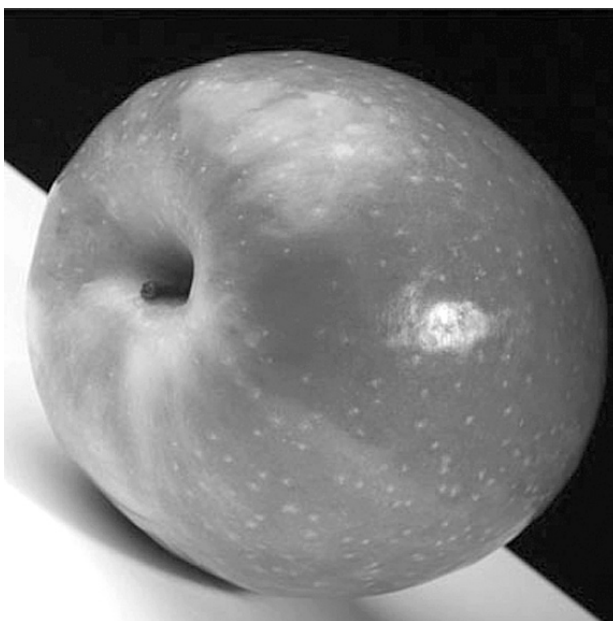
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Timely and continuous HIV care extends survival

By Megan Brooks

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) — In people infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS, high-risk behavior, HIV infection itself, as well as late initiation and early discontinuation of anti-HIV therapy all contribute to substantial decreases in life expectancy, United States researchers report.

Using a comprehensive computer model of HIV disease, the researchers simulated cohorts of HIV-infected individuals and compared them with uninfected individuals who had similar demographic characteristics.

“We estimated that for people in the United States living without HIV, life expectancy beginning at age 33 is an additional 43 years,” first author Dr. Elena Losina, of Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, told Reuters Health.

“High risk behavior, such as substance abuse, on average, accounts for an 8 year reduction in life expectancy,” Losina added.

HIV infection itself reduces life expectancy by an additional 12 years and a late start or premature discontinuation of HIV treatment further reduces life expectancy to a total of 23 years, she and colleagues report in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.

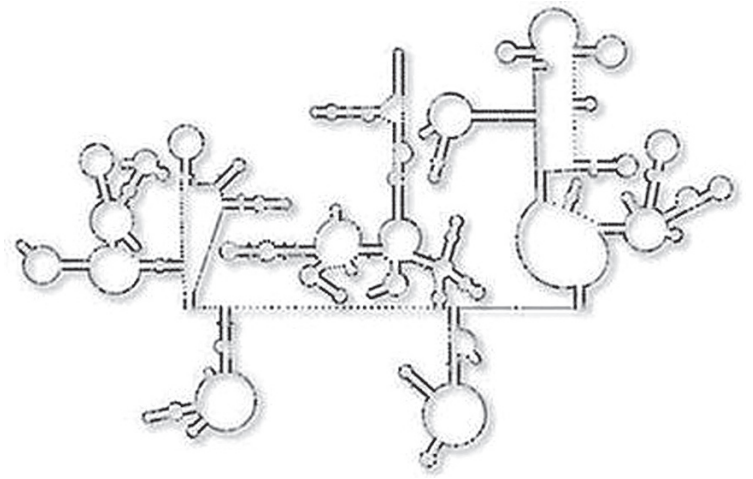
“The current therapy for HIV is very effective,” Losina commented, “but unless HIV-infected patients initiate treatment on time and stay on treatment, the treatment benefits would be truncated substantially.”

Minorities, especially minority

women, tend to initiate therapy later and are more likely to drop off from care, and this “leads to disproportional losses in life expectancy in these population groups,” she said.

“There is a critical need for people with HIV to begin care in a timely way and to remain

in care,” senior investigator Dr. Kenneth A. Freedberg, also from the Massachusetts General Hospital, said in a statement. “HIV testing for all adults in the United States, as currently recommended, with effective linkage to care, will have important survival benefits.” □



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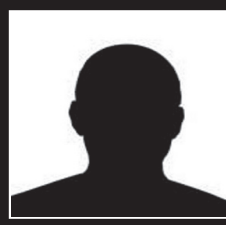
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Pinetop Perkins' 80-year career still going

By SHELIA BYRD,
Associated Press Writer
CLARKSDALE, Miss. — Noisy crowds in smoky bars don't bother 96-year-old bluesman Pinetop Perkins. It's all part of his job. Most nights, after he snuffs out his menthol cigarette, Perkins slides onto the piano bench in some club and eases into a wail about hard times and treacherous women. Perkins is believed to be the oldest of the old-time Delta blues musicians still performing. In an 80-year career, he's traveled through juke joints, nightclubs and festival stages shared with the likes of John Lee Hooker, Sonny Boy Williamson and Muddy Waters. In a telephone interview after a gig a week before Thanksgiving at a jazz club in Oakland, Calif., the old bluesman summed up his performance simply: "Looks like the folks loved what I was doing last night." And he's not done yet. The two-time Grammy winner is at work on another album, due out in 2010. "I thank the Lord for me being here all the time. I play any piano with a good tune," Perkins said. He's outlived most of his contemporaries, though time has slowed his steps and impaired his hearing. His colleagues say the musical sagacity acquired from a lifetime in the blues remains strong. "Perkins is appreciated in 2009 not just for his survival, but for being a classic Chicago bluesman," said guitarist Bob Margolin, a former Muddy Waters band member. "While many younger musicians pay tribute to that music, Pinetop is that music." Perkins comes from the generation of artists who worked their way from the Mississippi Delta to Chicago, stopping in Memphis and St. Louis along the way. They eventually fused a new sound of country twang and urban grit that became known as Chicago blues. Perkins wasn't formally taught on the piano. He learned by watching

others, and he still can't read sheet music. Yet his style has influenced rock icons like the Rolling Stones and Ike Turner. "I didn't get no schooling. I come up the hard way in the world," Perkins told The Associated Press. With age comes faded memories and blurred details, and Perkins has difficulty recalling his experiences with Waters and other bluesmen

In this Oct. 11, 2009 photograph, Grammy winning blues pianist Joe Willie 'Pinetop' Perkins motions a 'thumbs up' gesture during the annual festival at Hopson Plantation in Clarksdale, Miss., honoring him. Although he is 96 years old, Perkins, who formerly drove a tractor at the plantation in the 1940's, keeps an active performance schedule and takes time to record with a number of contemporary blues musicians, many several decades younger than himself. Proceeds of the festival are used to help fund programs of the Blues Foundation. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)



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Stocks slide on concerns about Dubai debt fallout

By TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – Stocks skidded Friday as concern swept world markets that financial trouble in the Middle Eastern city-state of Dubai will upend a global economic recovery. Major stock indexes fell more than 1 percent from 13-month highs, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which lost 155 points in a shortened trading day but ended off its worst levels.

Five stocks still fell for every one that rose at the New York Stock Exchange and all 30 stocks that make up the Dow slid. Investors' broad retreat from riskier assets pushed Treasury prices higher. The dollar gained against most other major currencies as investors sought safety following steep drops in overseas markets. Commodities prices tumbled. Investors are worried that a default by a government investment company in Dubai over \$60 billion in

debt payments could have a ripple effect in world financial markets. The fear is that losses in the small emirate, which has drawn wealthy tourists from around the globe in the past decade with its Las Vegas-in-the-Middle East appeal, could imperil a nascent economic rebound. Worries about bad debt are fresh in investors' minds after the collapse of the U.S. brokerage Lehman Brothers in September last year pushed the world overnight deeper into recession as banks halted lending on fears of a domino effect of bad loans.

"I think this is a sign of things to come," said Dave Rovelli, managing director of trading at brokerage Canaccord Adams in New York. "Commercial real estate continues to go lower. People are going to continue to default on debt payments."

Investors are being forced to ask whether the troubles in Dubai will usher in a new period of financial instability

and put in danger an eight-month rally in the stock market. However, the ability of world markets to digest the troubles in Dubai without widespread panic could also boost investor confidence in the recovery in the financial markets in the past year.

The latest trouble on Wall Street comes as the U.S. kicks off the unofficial start to the holiday shopping season. Investors will be tracking news from retailers for insights into how much consumers will spend in the coming month. Consumer spending is the biggest driver of the U.S. economy.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow fell 154.48, or 1.5 percent, to 10,309.92, after being down as much as 233 points.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 19.14, or 1.7 percent, to 1,091.49, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 37.61, or 1.7 percent, to 2,138.44.

Energy, materials and financial



Michael Guli, right, of Kellogg Capital works at his post at the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, in New York. Stocks tumbled Friday as fear swept world markets that financial trouble in the Middle East city-state of Dubai will upend a global economic recovery.

(AP Photo/Peter Morgan)

stocks posted some of the biggest losses as commodities fell and investors worried about bank balance sheets. Investors sought the safety of U.S. government debt Friday. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.21 percent from 3.28

percent late Wednesday. The yield on the three-month T-bill, which is considered one of the safest investments, was flat at 0.03 percent.

The ICE Futures U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of foreign currencies, rose 0.2 percent. □

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Black Friday holiday Greg Inman of Shermans Dale, Pa., waits in a checkout line with other shoppers at Toys "R" Us in Camp Hill, Pa., early Friday morning, Nov. 27, 2009.

Associated Press

Signs of life in stores as holiday shopping begins

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans took advantage of deep discounts on toys and TVs with some renewed vigor in stores and online on Black Friday after a year of concentrating their spending on basic necessities.

Though the first numbers won't be available until Saturday, early reports indicated bigger crowds than last year, with people buying more and even throwing in some items for themselves.

It was an encouraging sign for retailers, which have suffered through a year of sales declines, and perhaps also for the broader economy, which could use a kickstart from consumer spending.

In Chicago, Dan Montgomery and his wife carted bulging Macy's bags, proclaiming the department stores had "killer deals." Their favorite buy? A set of two skillets for \$19.99, marked down from \$100.

Still, mall operators said more shoppers were sticking to making purchases in cash and debit cards instead of credit. "I like cash because when you're out of cash, you're out of cash. And you don't have the hangover in January,"

Montgomery said.

Worries about jobs clearly were on shoppers' minds. Most people buying for themselves were picking up practical things that were deeply discounted such as pillows, pajamas and coffee makers, according to stores and analysts.

"With the layoff there have been a few cutbacks, but with the great sales they're offering this year, I think it's, overall, going to be a great Christmas for my two granddaughters," said Ernest Bell of Marietta, Georgia, who was laid off in April from his job as an information technology support representative and was at the local Walmart on Friday.

The traditional start of the holiday shopping season has high stakes for U.S. retailers who've suffered through a year of sales declines. It's also important for the broader economy, which could use a kickstart from consumer spending. Black Friday gets its name because it traditionally was the day when huge crowds would push stores into "the black," or profitability. But the weekend doesn't necessarily predict spending for the rest of the season, which accounts for as much as 40 percent of annual sales and profits for many stores.

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Space shuttle Atlantis, 7 astronauts back on Earth



Space shuttle Atlantis lands on runway 33 at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009. Atlantis and its seven astronauts returned to Earth with a smooth touchdown Friday to end an 11-day flight that resupplied the International Space Station.

Associated Press

MARCIA DUNN,

AP Aerospace Writer

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Iran's Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, Ali Asghar Soltanieh prior to the start of the IAEA's 35-nation board meeting at Vienna's International Center, in Vienna, on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009.

Associated Press

Diplomats: Iran censured at UN nuclear meeting

GEORGE JAHN

Associated Press Writer

VIENNA (AP) — In a blow to Iran, the board of the U.N. nuclear agency on Friday overwhelmingly backed a demand from the U.S., Russia, China and three other powers that Tehran immediately stop building its newly revealed nuclear facility and freeze uranium enrichment.

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Holiday shoppers line up outside Best Buy store during early hours of Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, in Lawrence, Kan. Retailers are ushering in the traditional start of the holiday shopping season with expanded hours and deep discounts to lure crowds of shoppers.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

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Online, Walmart.com, Amazon.com and other online retailers also grabbed for a piece of the action, pushing deals on Thursday and even

earlier in the week. Several large retailers, including Walmart and many Old Navy locations, even opened on Thanksgiving.

Those stores now have to figure out how to keep people

coming back through Dec. 25. Though there were isolated reports of squabbles, the pre-dawn crowds were generally calm. Stores took extra precautions to control the throngs after a Walmart

Associated Press

worker on Long Island was trampled to death last year on Black Friday.

Analysts monitoring the malls said shoppers were less frenetic, having researched deals before going shopping. Extended hours also gave shoppers more time to grab deals both online and in stores than a year ago. Most Walmart stores were open on Thanksgiving to prevent the mad dash of shoppers for its Friday 5 a.m. specials.

ShopLocal, a subsidiary of publisher Gannett Co., on Friday said traffic was up 27 percent at top retailers' online sites featuring their Black Friday ads.

Stores were encouraged that shoppers appeared to be a little freer with their spending. Best Buy, Sears Holdings Corp. and mall operators Taubman Centers, Mall of America and Simon Properties offered signs people were buying more than last year. An average of about 1,000 people were in line for midnight openings at Toys R Us stores, CEO Gerald Storch

said.

Even luxury stores, which generally aren't the big attractions for Black Friday, had brisk traffic, according to analysts.

More than 5,000 people were at Macy's Herald Square store in New York early Friday, slightly more than last year, Macy's CEO Terry J. Lundgren said. Among the most popular items were Tommy Hilfiger \$99 bomber jackets, marked down from \$450.

Dondrae May, a manager at a Best Buy in Framingham, Massachusetts, said shoppers started lining up at 4 p.m. Thursday — 13 hours before opening. He said shoppers were filling their baskets with more items than a year ago, when they were shellshocked after the financial meltdown. The biggest draws were laptops, TVs and GPS systems, he said.

The chain had sold out of all of its early morning specials within two hours of the 5 a.m. opening, spokesman Scott Morris said. □

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With bright sunlight glinting off it, the shuttle swooped through a clear sky and landed on the runway right on time. Mission Control said no one could remember such welcoming conditions; there were no clouds in sight for Atlantis' midmorning arrival, and the temperature was in the 50s (about 15 Celsius).

"Couldn't have picked a clearer day," commander Charles Hobaugh said. Mission Control congratulated him on a "picture perfect" landing.

It was an especially sweet homecoming for two of the crew.

Astronaut Nicole Stott was away for three months, living at the space station. Fellow crew member Randolph Bresnik's baby daughter was born last weekend.

"Everybody, welcome back to Earth, especially you, Nicole," Mission Control radioed.

Hobaugh and his crew spent a week stockpiling the space station.

They delivered big spare parts and performed three spacewalks to install equipment and carry out maintenance.

The pumps, gyroscopes and storage tanks should keep the outpost in business for another five to 10 years, long after Atlantis and the two other shuttles are retired.

Stott was feeling the full effects of gravity for the first time since she rocketed to the space station at the end of August. Her mission lasted 91 days.

She said all week that she couldn't wait to see her husband and 7-year-old son, who were at Kennedy Space Center for the landing. She also was looking forward to some pizza and icy cola.

Bresnik had even bigger plans: to hold his infant daughter for

the first time.

Abigail Mae Bresnik was born Saturday night, right after her father took his first spacewalk. But he'll have to wait until Saturday to see her. Bresnik's wife, Rebecca, stayed home in Houston with Abigail and 3-year-old big brother Wyatt. Atlantis — which brought back broken equipment from the space station's water-recycling system — logged 4.5 million miles and circled Earth 171 times.

This was Atlantis' next-to-last mission.

Only five shuttle flights remain, all to the space station next year. Station construction will essentially end at that point, so NASA used the trip to send up as many hefty spare parts as possible. None of the other visiting spacecraft — from Russia, Japan and Europe — can carry so much in a single load.

Atlantis, which delivered nearly 15 tons of gear, left the space station 86 percent complete.

NASA's next shuttle flight is in February. Endeavour will deliver a full-fledged module to the space station, complete with a cupola for prime Earth



Space shuttle Atlantis lands on runway 33 at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009. Atlantis and its seven astronauts returned to Earth with a smooth touchdown Friday to end an 11-day flight that resupplied the International Space Station.

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gazing with a domed chamber that has seven windows.

The five remaining space station residents, meanwhile, may have to dodge a piece of space junk this weekend.

NASA said Friday that flight

controllers were monitoring a large piece of an old Delta rocket that could pass within an uncomfortably close six miles of the outpost Saturday afternoon.

The rocket was used to launch


NASA's Stardust spacecraft in 1999 to gather comet dust samples.

A decision on whether to move the space station to avoid a possible hit was expected later Friday. □

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This screen image made from Michael Salahi's Facebook page shows a photo of White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, left, with Michael Salahi and Tareq Salahi, right, at the White House state dinner in Washington on Tuesday Nov. 24, 2009. The Secret Service is looking into its own security procedures after determining that a Virginia couple, Michael and Tareq Salahi, managed to slip into Tuesday night's state dinner at the White House even though they were not on the guest list, agency spokesman Ed Donovan said.

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LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The couple who crashed a presidential dinner met President Barack Obama in the receiving line, the White House said Friday, as a "deeply concerned and embarrassed" Secret Service acknowledged its officers failed to check

whether the couple was on the guest list.

A White House official did not make clear whether Michael and Tareq Salahi shook hands with the president or spoke with him. Guests going through a receiving line usually shake hands with the president.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of

an ongoing Secret Service inquiry that could turn into a criminal investigation.

The Secret Service earlier this week had said the president was not in danger because the couple — like others at the dinner — had gone through magnetometers. But in light of their close proximity to the president, no such claim was made Friday.

The Salahis were not on the guest list and should have been prohibited from entering last Tuesday's dinner on the White House South Lawn for the prime minister of India, said Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan.

On Friday, Sullivan was apologetic in a written statement, saying the agency that protects the president is "deeply concerned and embarrassed" that procedures were not followed.

"As our investigation continues, appropriate measures have been taken to ensure this is not repeated," Sullivan said.

Secret Service spokesman Jim Mackin said officers at the checkpoint had a clipboard with names of the invited guests. Even though the Salahis names weren't on it, they were allowed to proceed. The officers should have called either someone on the White House staff or their

own personnel before allowing them past the checkpoint, Mackin said.

Earlier, Mackin said the Secret Service may pursue a criminal investigation of the Salahis.

Sullivan said, "The preliminary findings of our internal investigation have determined established protocols were not followed at an initial checkpoint, verifying that two individuals were on the guest list."

"Although these individuals went through magnetometers and other levels of screening, they should have been prohibited from entering the event entirely. That failing is ours," he said.

Sullivan said it wasn't good enough that his agency screened more than 1.2 million visitors last year to the White House complex and protected more than 10,000 sites for the president, vice president and others. "Even with these successes, we need to be right 100 percent of the time," he said. "While we have protocols in place to address these situations, we must ensure that they are followed each and every time."

It is unclear what the couple told officers at the checkpoint that allowed them to go through the security screening. Federal law makes it a crime to knowingly and willfully falsify statements on matters within the federal government's jurisdiction.

"As this moves closer to a criminal investigation there's less that we can say," Mackin said. "I don't want to jeopardize what could be a criminal investigation. We're not leaving any option off the table at this point."

The Salahis lawyer, Paul Gardner, posted a comment on their Facebook page saying, "My clients were cleared by the White House, to be there." He said more information would be forthcoming.

Several messages left at Gardner's law firm on Friday were not immediately returned.

Bravo Media has confirmed that Michael Salahi is being considered as a participant in the upcoming "The Real

Housewives of D.C." program and on the day of the dinner was being filmed around Washington by Half Yard Productions, the producer of the program.

"Half Yard Productions was told by Michael and Tareq Salahi that they had been invited to the State Dinner. We took them at their word and filmed their preparations for the event. Half Yard Productions had no part in planning their presence at the event," said Abby Greensfelder of Half Yard Productions.

Though it remained unclear how close the Salahis may have gotten to President Barack Obama at the dinner — none of the photos from the event posted on Michael Salahi's Facebook page show them with the president.

The couple has been in close proximity to Obama in the past, photos show, raising fresh questions about how they have managed to get so near to the president.

One photo, apparently taken in the days before Obama took the oath of office, shows the Salahis in a group shot with Obama and some of the musicians who performed at an inaugural concert at the Lincoln Memorial, including Fergie and will.i.am.

"Lots of my dear friends here including, President OBAMA with MICHAELE, my husband Tareq, The Black Eyed Peas, Fergie, Will.i.am & Randy Jackson, formerly with JOURNEY the Rock Band who I LOVE!, and now Judge on American Idol," the caption says. Other photos show the Salahis in the empty, glass-enclosed box from which the Obamas watched the concert and, according to the caption, "backstage with the Secret Service at the Lincoln Memorial during the Presidential Inauguration."

Facebook photos show the couple posing with an array of celebrities and politicians, including former President Bill Clinton, Arizona Sen. John McCain, Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, entertainer Donny Osmond and music producer Quincy Jones, among others.

Next stop for Ralph Nader: Senate from Connecticut?

By SUSAN HAIGH,
AP Political Writer

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Ralph Nader says he wants to gauge the level of grassroots support before deciding whether to make a bid to represent Connecticut in the Senate.

The 75-year-old consumer advocate and Connecticut native said Friday that he is "absorbing" feedback about a possible bid. He was appearing at a book signing at the Noah Webster Library in West Hartford.



Ralph Nader signs a copy of his new book "Only the Super Rich Can Save Us!" during an appearance as part of a national book tour at the Noah Webster Library in West Hartford, Conn., on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009.

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The Connecticut Green Party is trying to persuade Nader to challenge Democratic Sen. Chris Dodd in the hotly contested 2010 Senate race. Nader was previously a Green Party presidential nominee.

State Green Party spokesman Tim McKee says he's getting positive responses to the idea of Nader for Senate. He says social networking Web pages are springing up that are urging him to run.

Christian church, Native American tribe reconcile

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NEW YORK (AP)

— Members of one of America's oldest Protestant churches officially apologized Friday — for the first time — for massacring and displacing Native Americans 400 years ago. “We consumed your resources, dehumanized your people and disregarded your culture, along with your dreams, hopes and great love for this land,” the Rev. Robert Chase told descendants from both sides. “With pain, we the Collegiate Church, remember our part in these events.”

The minister spoke on Native American Heritage Day at a reconciliation ceremony of the Lenape tribe with the Collegiate Church, started in 1628 in then-New Amsterdam as the Reformed Dutch Church.

The rite was held in front of the Museum of the American Indian in lower Manhattan, where Dutch colonizers had built their fort near an Indian trail now called Broadway, near Wall Street.

The Collegiate Church was considered the “conscience” of the new colony, whose merchants quickly developed commerce with the world in fur and grains — till then the turf of the natives.

Surrounded by Lenape Indians, the Dutch colonists “were hacking men, women and children to death,” said Ronald Holloway, the chairman of the Sand Hill band of Lenapes, who lived here before Henry Hudson landed 400 years ago.

The Indians dispersed across the country, eventually ending up on government-formed reservations. On Friday, some came from as far away as Oklahoma.

During the ceremony, Chase embraced Holloway and, as symbolic gestures

of healing, the two sides exchanged wampum — strings of beads used by North American Indians as money or ornament. A boy representing the Lenapes and a girl from the Collegiate Church put necklaces on each other.

While Friday's ceremony exuded warmth and openness, accompanied by an Indian drumming circle and the haunting sound of a wooden flute, the feelings leading up to the reconciliation were mixed. “After 400 years, when someone says ‘I’m sorry,’ you say, ‘Really?’” Holloway said before the ritual. “There was some

kind of uneasiness. But then you’ve got to accept someone’s sincere apology; they said, ‘We did it. We ran you off, we killed you.’”

In New York City, the Collegiate churches are composed of four congregations including the landmark Marble Collegiate Church on Fifth Avenue led by the late Rev. Norman Vincent Peale.

The church plans to sponsor educational activities and exhibits to teach children history — including the Indian reverence for preserving the purity of the land taken over by the Dutch colonists. □



Curtis Zunigha, left, and Charles Morris, right shake hands after an exchange of symbolic gifts as Ron Holloway, center, looks on during a healing ceremony involving the Lenape Native Americans and the Collegiate Church Friday, Nov. 27, 2009 in New York. Collegiate Church, one of the oldest surviving institutions of the early Dutch settlement of New York is publicly acknowledging publicly its role in helping to relegate Native Americans to the margins of society.

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Four relatives shot dead at Thanksgiving party

TRAVIS REED

Associated Press Writer

JUPITER, Florida (AP)

— Police were searching Friday for a man suspected in the shooting deaths of his twin sisters, aunt and a 6-year-old cousin during a family Thanksgiving celebration.

One of the sisters, Lisa Knight, 33, was pregnant, said Jupiter Police spokeswoman Sally Collins-Ortiz. She did not say how far along the woman was in her pregnancy.

Police said 17 relatives were in the Palm Beach County house when the shootings were reported around 10 p.m. Thursday in Jupiter, a small beach town about 90 miles north of Miami that is best known as a home to celebrities including Michael Jordan and Burt Reynolds.

The little girl was sleeping in her bed when she was shot, police said. A fifth man was critically wounded and a sixth was treated at the scene for a gunshot graze. Jupiter Police Sgt. Scott Pascarella said officers were looking for Paul Michael Merhige, 35. Merhige is a cousin of the 6-year-old

victim, Makayla Sitton, and has no criminal record, police said.

The others killed were Merhige's twin sisters, Carla Merhige and Lisa Knight, 33, and an aunt, Raymonde Joseph, 76, according to police.

Authorities said a fifth victim, Merhige's brother-in-law Patrick Knight, was being treated at a hospital. His condition was not available.

Police across South Florida and the U.S. Marshals Service were searching for Merhige.

Pascarella said police received a call from a neighbor shortly after 10 p.m. Police then received a second call from someone within the home, which is owned by a local TV videojournalist and his wife. Makayla Sitton is the photojournalist's daughter. Pascarella said the shootings took place inside the house. He said that sometime after Thanksgiving dinner, Merhige left the residence and returned shortly afterward with a handgun. “What led to this incident, we’re not quite sure,” said Pascarella. “It did not appear

there was any altercation prior to this shooting.”

Pascarella said there was an “ongoing resentment” in the family, but didn’t know the nature of the problem or whether the victims were specifically targeted.

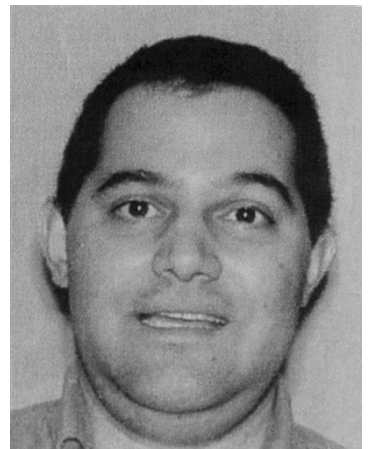
Police said the home was owned by Jim Sitton, a photojournalist for WPTV-TV. Sitton told WPTV his daughter was in bed when she was shot. He was at the party at the time of the shooting but was not wounded.

Yellow crime scene tape was stretched around Sitton's salmon-colored house, located in a well-kept subdivision of stucco homes. Several cars were parked in the driveway, and a crime scene van sat in front.

Sitton told local media that his daughter was supposed to perform Friday in a holiday production of “The Nutcracker.”

“God packed a lot of sweetness into that little body,” Sitton said. “She’s just our life. I don’t know how we are ever going to recover.”

The relationship between Sitton and Paul Merhige



This undated drivers license photo provided Friday, Nov. 27, 2009 by the Jupiter, Fla. Police shows Paul Michael Merhige. Police were searching Friday for Merhige, suspected in the Thanksgiving shooting deaths of his twin sisters, aunt and a 6-year-old cousin during a family celebration.

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was unclear, police said. Phone calls to a number listed for Paul Merhige were not answered. A phone call to Sitton also was not returned. At a house in southwest Miami-Dade where family members had gathered late Friday morning, relatives declined to comment. □





Outgoing Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, Mohamed ElBaradei, left, talks to U.S. Ambassador Glyn Davies prior to the start of the IAEA's 35-nation board meeting at Vienna's International Center, in Vienna, on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009.

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IRAN CENSURED

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Iranian officials shrugged off approval of the resolution by 25 members of the 35-nation

board of the International Atomic Energy Agency. But the U.S. and its allies hinted of new U.N. sanctions if Tehran remains defiant.

The West said some time remained for Tehran to come around and accept a specific offer that would delay its ability to make a nuclear weapon as well as engage in broader talks with the ultimate goal of persuading it to mothball its enrichment program.

But that window of opportunity would not stay open indefinitely, officials said. "The next stage will have to be sanctions if Iran doesn't respond to what is a very clear vote from the world community," British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said. German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said the resolution's passage shows that "the international community still wants dialogue with Iran, but time is pressing."

"Our hand is still held out," he added. "I hope Iran will take it. Iran must know: our patience is not infinite."

White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs avoided mentioning sanctions — but indicated harsher measures were possible unless Iran compromised.

"Our patience and that of the international community is limited, and time is running out," he said in a statement. "If Iran refuses to meet its obligations, then it will be responsible for its own growing isolation and the consequences."

Iran argues that its nuclear program is aimed at creating a peaceful nuclear energy network to serve its growing population. The U.S. and other nations believe Iran's

nuclear program has the goal of creating atomic weapons.

The IAEA resolution criticized Iran for defying a U.N. Security Council ban on uranium enrichment — the source of both nuclear fuel and the fissile core of warheads.

It also censured Iran for secretly building a uranium enrichment facility and demanded that it immediately suspend further construction. It noted that IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei cannot confirm that Tehran's nuclear program is exclusively geared toward peaceful uses, and expressed "serious concern" that Iran's stonewalling of an IAEA probe means "the possibility of military dimensions to Iran's nuclear program" cannot be excluded. Brown called the resolution "the strongest and most definitive statement yet made by the countries who are very worried about nuclear ambitions on the part of Iran." The French Foreign Ministry suggested that if Iran continues to refuse to meet U.N. demands on its nuclear program the international community will follow the second track of its "double approach" — shorthand for sanctions. Iran put on a show of defiance, with Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast describing the resolution as a "show ... aimed at putting pressure on Iran, which will be useless."

In Vienna, Ali Ashgar Soltanieh, Tehran's chief IAEA delegate, told the meeting that "neither resolutions of the

board of governors nor those of the United Nations Security Council ... neither sanctions nor the threat of military attacks can interrupt peaceful nuclear activities in Iran, even a second." But six-power unity on the resolution and its strongly backed passage clearly was a rebuke to the Islamic Republic and its efforts to portray its nuclear program as a purely peaceful attempt to harness atomic energy.

Moscow and Beijing have acted as a traditional drag on efforts to punish Iran for its nuclear defiance, either preventing new U.N. Security Council sanctions or watering down their potency.

They did not formally endorse the last IAEA resolution in 2006, which referred Iran to the Security Council, starting the process that has resulted in three sets of sanctions against the Islamic Republic. Their backing for the document at the Vienna meeting thus reflected broad international disenchantment with Tehran.

"Six nations ... for the first time came together ... (and) have put together this resolution we all agreed on," Glyn Davies, the chief U.S. delegate to the IAEA, told reporters. "That's a significant development."

The support of Moscow and Beijing also appeared to signal their possible acceptance of any new Western push for a fourth set of U.N. sanctions, should Tehran continue shunning international overtures meant to reach agreements that reduce concerns about its nuclear ambitions. □



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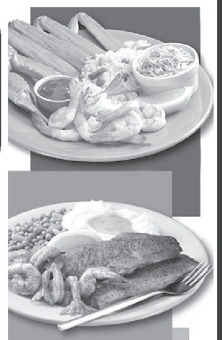
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Filipino candidate files to run despite slaughter

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SHARIFF AGUAK,
Philippines (AP) —

Undeterred by the deadly attack that killed 57 in a campaign convoy, Ismael Mangudadatu filed to run for governor of Maguindanao province Friday, heavily guarded by police and soldiers.

His candidacy poses an unprecedented challenge to the Ampatuan clan, which was implicated in Monday's massacre. "Only death can stop me from running," he said.

A day after burying his wife, sisters and many other relatives, Mangudadatu traveled past the spot where they were killed along with supporters and journalists who were stopped and gunned down on their way to file election papers on his behalf. Many of the dead were dumped in mass graves.

"This symbolizes our freedom. I hope this will be the start of our liberation," he said, holding up his certificate of candidacy in front of reporters and hundreds of cheering followers.

His 50-vehicle caravan was escorted by soldiers, a police commander, a senior army general and hundreds of supporters. Mangudadatu was not part of Monday's convoy because of threats on his life. He sent female relatives in the belief that women would be spared. Prosecutors, delayed by a two-day holiday, said they will file multiple murder charges Tuesday against Andal Ampatuan Jr., heir of the clan that has ruled Maguindanao for years.

Several witnesses came forward, including one of the gunmen who claimed he saw Ampatuan order the killings and fire his weapon, said Justice Secretary Agnes Devanadera.

Ampatuan told reporters from his detention cell in Manila that at the time of the massacre he was at the municipal hall in Datu Unsay township, where he's the mayor. He denied any role.

He turned himself in Thursday under threat of military attack on his family's compound.

The clan's patriarch, Andal Ampatuan Sr., and six other family members, including the governor of the autonomous Muslim region, are considered suspects and are not allowed to leave the country, Devanadera said. They were implicated in witnesses' statements, she said, refusing to elaborate. Police said six senior officers, including the provincial police chief and his deputy, 20 members of Ampatuan township's police station and nearly 400 militiamen were in custody. Not all were considered suspects. Interior Secretary Ronaldo Punourity said he

would seek the replacement of the entire provincial political structure.

Faced with domestic and international outrage over the killings — the bloodiest in recent history — President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo authorized a crackdown on the clan that helped her and her allies win the 2004 presidential and 2007 senatorial elections.

Arroyo's ruling party expelled Ampatuan from their ranks, along with his father and a brother, while the president repeatedly vowed justice for the victims.

Devanadera said more than 20 women were among the slain, and the pants of some female victims were unzipped and lowered. Police said, however, that autopsies were not finished and reports of rape were not substantiated.

At least 22 journalists working for newspapers, TV and radio stations in the southern Mindanao region



Vice Mayor Ismael Mangudadatu, right, walks with family and supporters after filing his certificate of candidacy for governor at the Commission on Elections office in the Maguindanao provincial capital of Shariff Aguak, southern Philippines, Friday, Nov. 27, 2009.

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were among the dead. It was the most reporters killed in a single attack anywhere in the world, according to media groups.

Troops and police poured into the rural, impoverished province. Checkpoints were set up along highways and tanks deployed in the provincial capital.

Many hope that the fallout

from Monday's massacre will lead to the end of the Ampatuan's violent grip on Maguindanao's politics.

"Our people were like strangled with a rope for a long time," said Arnold Fernandez, administrator of Buluan town, which is led by a Mangudadatu. "We seem to be moving to a new era." □

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German Labor Minister Franz Josef Jung announces his resignation during a news conference in Berlin, Germany, Friday, Nov. 27, 2009. Germany's labor minister says he is resigning from the Cabinet amid the fallout from an airstrike in northern Afghanistan that already cost the head of the armed forces his job.

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German labor minister quits over Afghanistan strike fallout

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BERLIN (AP) — Germany's labor minister resigned Friday after conceding that he didn't see a military report on a deadly September airstrike in northern Afghanistan while he

held the government's defense portfolio.

Labor Minister Franz Josef Jung made the announcement a day after the head of Germany's armed forces, Gen. Wolfgang Schneiderhan, and deputy Defense Minister Peter Wichert also stepped down.

Jung said he was taking responsibility for the fact that the German military report on the Sept. 4 airstrike didn't reach him, despite his being defense minister at the time.

"I am taking responsibility for the Defense Ministry's internal information policy toward the minister regarding the events of Sept. 4 in Kunduz," Jung said in a brief statement.

An Afghan commission has said 30 civilians were killed along with 69 armed Taliban fighters in the NATO airstrike, which was called in by a German colonel who feared the Taliban might use two tanker trucks they had seized to attack troops.

Germany's response — the resignation of three senior officials — could be seen as severe for a NATO country in the 8-year-old Afghanistan war. However, Germany, whose troops serve in Afghanistan's relatively stable north, previously had been largely spared such incidents. It also was an embarrassment weeks after the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, had ordered commanders be sure any targets were clear of civilians before any airstrike. For days after the strike, Jung said there was no evidence of civilian casualties from the strike, but Bild daily reported Thursday that the military report — drawn up in the days after the attack — suggested civilians had died.

The newspaper did not say how it had learned of the contents of the confidential report.

Chancellor Angela Merkel, who has called for full transparency over the incident, voiced "very great respect" for Jung's decision. She said it showed his dedication to "service to the country." □

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Key anti-Taliban figure assassinated in Pakistan

ANWARULLAH KHAN, Associated Press Writer
KHAR, Pakistan (AP) — A key anti-Taliban tribal leader was assassinated Friday in a roadside bombing, the latest in a series of attacks against pro-government militias in the Afghan border area of northwestern Pakistan. Elsewhere, authorities found the bullet-riddled body of another tribal elder who was seized from his home late Thursday in an attack that also left his son dead. Violence has increased in Bajur and other northwestern tribal regions since the army launched an offensive in South Waziristan in mid-October. Fifteen Taliban fighters were killed in operations over the past 24 hours in South Waziristan, a military statement said Friday. Pakistani troops took control of three important militant strongholds in the Bara area of Khyber tribal region, killing another 15 insurgents. The famed Khyber region is the main route for ferrying supplies to U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. It has been the focus of several past

operations but the militants often resurface with fresh attacks against supply convoys and Pakistani security forces. The statement also said troops besieged Chapri Feroz Khel, a border area between Khyber and Orakzai tribal regions that was a stronghold of Pakistani Taliban chief Hakimullah Mehsud. Mehsud openly operated in the area before he went underground after assuming command of the militants, and analysts believe he may still be hiding there. Tribal elder Shahfur Khan was returning to his home in Badan village to receive guests after prayers marking the start of Eid al-Adha, or Muslim feast of sacrifice, when the roadside bomb exploded, killing him and wounding three other people, according to local officials Jamil Khan and Abdul Malik. Khan emerged as a militia leader in the Mamund area of the Bajur tribal region after his predecessor was killed with at least 14 other people in a suicide bombing last year. Bajur has seen continued violence despite a military offensive that was declared a

success last year. Some people in the semiautonomous tribal regions began celebrating Eid a day ahead of the official start of festivities in Pakistan. Militants in the adjacent tribal region of Mohamand also abducted another anti-Taliban tribal elder, Ameer Saiyed, late Thursday after storming his house and killing his son, Hazrat, local official Jawed Khan said. Authorities found the father's body Friday near his home in Wali Kor village, the official said. Tribal elders have traditionally had massive influence in northwestern Pakistan but have increasingly been targeted by al-Qaida and Taliban fighters as they joined forces with the government. The government has supplemented its military campaigns by helping tribal leaders and supporting local militias to battle the Taliban. The militias, known as lashkars, have drawn comparisons with government-backed groups in Iraq known as Awakening Councils, which have been credited with beating back



Pakistani army soldiers destroy a Taliban hideout used by militants in a Taliban stronghold in Kot Kai in Pakistan's tribal area of Waziristan along the Afghanistan border on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009. In the Pakistani tribal areas security forces engage with Taliban and al-Qaida militants as hundreds of thousands of people fled their villages due to the fierce fighting.

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the insurgency there. But the and the tribesman use their lashkars are less organized own, often aging, weapons. □

Officials: 22 dead in Russia train derailment

By STEVE GUTTERMAN Associated Press Writer
MOSCOW — An express train carrying hundreds of passengers from Moscow to St. Petersburg derailed late Friday, killing at least 22 people and injuring dozens of others, emergency officials said. The state-run railway company said the derailment could have been the result of sabotage, fueling fears of terrorism. The three rear cars of the Nevsky Express went off the tracks in the Tver province northwest of Moscow, the Emergency Situations Ministry said. Russian Railways said that four cars derailed and said 50 people were taken to two hospitals in the area. The emergencies ministry said 22 people were killed and 54 injured, citing preliminary information. The RIA Novosti and Interfax news agencies cited unidentified regional

law enforcement officials as saying 25 people were dead and 63 injured. Russian Railways said the cause was not yet determined but one possibility was sabotage, which could mean a bomb or another deliberate action to derail the train and cause casualties. Russian news agencies cited unidentified officials as saying a small crater was found at the site of the wreck, leading to speculation that it could have been caused by explosives. A bomb blast on the same line in 2007 derailed a passenger train and injured 27 people. Two suspects have been arrested and authorities are searching for a former military officer they believe was behind the blast, but the motive was unclear. An explosion in a bathroom on a Moscow-St. Petersburg train in 1997 killed five people. The route between Russia's

capital and its No. 2 city is heavily traveled by tourists and business people. The 14-car train was carrying 633 passengers and 20 railway personnel, the emergencies ministry said. Terrorism has been a major concern in Russia since the devastating wars pitting Chechen rebels against government forces in the 1990s. Violence stemming from those conflicts has repeatedly spread to other parts of Russia in the past decade, including deadly bombings in the Moscow subway and attacks that brought two passenger jets down in 2004. But Russia has also been plagued by deadly accidents resulting from its deteriorating Soviet-era infrastructure and from negligence. The derailment occurred near the border between the Novgorod and Tver provinces,



At least 22 people were killed and 54 injured Friday when a train travelling between the Russian capital Moscow and Saint Petersburg derailed, possibly as a result of an attack, Russian media reported.

about 250 miles northwest southeast of St. Petersburg, of Moscow and 150 miles authorities said. □

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Authorities: Tiger Woods hurt in car crash by home



Tiger Woods of the U.S. hits a shot on the 18th in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009 during the Australian Masters golf tournament at Kingston Heath. Woods won the match with 14-under 274, two shots ahead of Australia's Greg Chalmers.

Associated Press

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP)—Tiger Woods sustained facial cuts when his car hit a fire hydrant and a neighbor's tree as he was leaving his mansion in a gated waterfront community near Orlando early Friday.

The Florida Highway Patrol said world's top-ranked golfer was alone in his SUV when he pulled out of his driveway at 2:25 a.m.

The patrol reported Woods' injuries as serious, although Woods spokesman Glenn Greenspan said the golfer was treated at a hospital and released in good condition. Windermere mayor Gary Bruhn said police from the

village were among the first on the scene and saw Woods with cuts on his face.

The patrol said alcohol was not involved, although the minor accident remains under investigation and charges could be filed.

Left unanswered was where Woods was going at that hour. Greenspan and agent Mark Steinberg said there would be no comment beyond the short statement of the accident on Woods' Web site.

Woods, coming off a two-week trip to China and Australia this month, is host of the Chevron World Challenge in Thousand Oaks, California, which starts on Thursday. He is scheduled to have his press conference on Tuesday at Sherwood Country

Club. Steinberg said he did not know if Woods planned to play next week.

The accident report was not released until nearly 12 hours after Woods was injured. Patrol spokesman Kim Montes said injuries are considered serious if they require more than minor medical attention. Montes said air bags in the SUV did not deploy.

Investigators still have not had a chance to speak to 33-year-old Woods, but when they do, "we will ask him everything," Montes said. "We just haven't had a chance to do so because he was being medically treated."

Montes said charges could be filed if there was a clear traffic violation, although troopers still do not know what caused Woods' SUV to hit the hydrant and the tree.

Woods' \$2.4 million home is part of the exclusive Isleworth subdivision, a community set on an Arnold Palmer-designed golf course and a chain of small lakes. The neighborhood, which is fortified with high brick walls and has its own security force, is home to CEOs and other sports stars such as the NBA's Shaquille O'Neal.

The Orlando Sentinel reported that an orange and white barricade sat on top of a hole in front of Woods' home. About 10 feet away, there was a tire track near an oak tree in his neighbor's yard. The tree had a few scuff marks but was largely unscathed.

Woods has won 14 majors and 82 times around the world, most recently at the Australian Masters on Nov. 15.

He won six times this year after missing eight months recovering from reconstructive surgery on his left knee. Even though he failed to win a major, Woods said he considered this a successful year because he did not know how his knee would respond.

NHL Roundup

Brodeur becomes NHL all-time minutes leader

BOSTON (AP) — Jamie Langenbrunner's and Zach Parise's shootout goals made goaltender Martin Brodeur a winner on the day he became the NHL's all-time minutes



New Jersey Devils goalie Martin Brodeur (30) smiles during a break in the action during the second period of an NHL hockey game against the Boston Bruins at the TD Garden in Boston, Friday, Nov. 27, 2009. Brodeur surpassed Hall of Famer Patrick Roy to become the NHL's all-time minutes leader.

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leader in the New Jersey Devils' 2-1 win over the Boston Bruins on Friday. Brodeur surpassed Hall of Famer Patrick Roy for the most minutes played. The 37-year-old Brodeur now has 60,280. Roy played 60,235. The loss snapped Boston's season-high four-game winning streak. Blake Wheeler, who had Boston's

only goal in regulation, had the Bruins' lone score in the shootout.

Sabres 4, Flyers 2

At Philadelphia, Tim Connolly scored twice in the third period and added two assists to help Buffalo end a four-game losing streak.

Drew Stafford, who also had an assist, and Paul Gaustad scored for the Sabres.

Mike Richards and Braydon Coburn scored for the Flyers. Islanders 3, Penguins 2

At Uniondale, New York, John Tavares scored on a rebound with 6:12 left to lift New York to a come-from-behind win, ending Pittsburgh's three-game winning streak.

Josh Bailey and Sean Bergenheim added goals as New York scored twice in the final period and killed off five power plays.

Evgeni Malkin and Matt Cooke scored for Pittsburgh.

Wild 5, Avalanche 3

At St. Paul, Minnesota, Chuck Kobasew had a hat trick and Andrew Brunette scored the winner on a power play for Minnesota.

Both of Kobasew's career hat tricks have been against Colorado. Owen Nolan also scored and Niklas Backstrom stopped 31 shots.

Kyle Quincey, Paul Stastny and Chris Stewart scored for the Avalanche, who have won only once in their last 10 trips to Minnesota.



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NFL Preview

Unbeaten Colts face decade-long patsy Texans

BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time since 1990, the NFL has two unbeaten teams this deep into the season. The Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints are 10-0.

Even juicier, Indianapolis has won 19 in a row, two short of the league mark set by the New England Patriots last season.

And even better — at least for the Colts — is their opponent on Sunday, the Houston Texans. To say Indianapolis has owned Houston since the Texans were born in 2002 is like saying Peyton Manning isn't a bad quarterback.

The Colts have won 14 of their 15 contests, and their 20-17 victory this month was typical: Manning and his mates made the big plays and Houston didn't, including Kris Brown missing a 42-yard field goal as time expired.

Can the Colts sweep Houston within a three-week span?

"It's different. I don't remember the last time we played a team this close to back to back," Manning said. "They had a bye, so they'll be fresh. We're coming off two tough,

emotional games, so it will be a challenge."

Maybe more of a challenge for the Texans, no? Like, say, climbing Everest?

"It's going to be a big test for us," star receiver Andre Johnson said. "We played them close the last few times we've played them and hopefully Sunday we can get over the hump and get a win."

On Monday, New England is at New Orleans in the Patriots' latest opportunity to spoil an unbeaten season. They almost ended Indianapolis' spotless record two weeks ago in a high-scoring game. Another shootout is expected, particularly with the Saints averaging 36.9 points a game and on course to score 590 this season, one more than the 2007 Patriots did.

Those Patriots are the only team to complete an unbeaten 16-0 regular season, and who better than them to ruin the Saints' perfect record?

"I remember the kind of confidence we had taking the field as an undefeated team and knowing that if we played a good game it was going to be almost impossible for teams to beat us," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said. "If you



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, middle, reacts with teammates after throwing a touchdown during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Indianapolis, Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009. Indianapolis won 35-34.

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don't play well you do get beat, as evidenced by what happened in the Super Bowl that year."

The matchup between the Arizona Cardinals and Tennessee Titans features two of the hottest teams, one chasing a division title and the other, perhaps, chasing history.

The Cardinals are 5-0 on the road, have won three in a row overall, and are beginning to have that special look they captured in

last January's playoffs. But quarterback Kurt Warner sustained a mild concussion in the win at St. Louis, and the drop-off to Matt Leinart is huge.

San Diego in 1992 had the worst start to a season for a team that still made the playoffs, going from 0-4 to 11-5. The way Tennessee has turned it around with four wins since an 0-6 start, who knows?

Also on Sunday it's Miami at Buffalo, Carolina at the

New York Jets, Seattle at St. Louis, Tampa Bay at Atlanta, Cleveland at Cincinnati, Washington at Philadelphia, Chicago at Minnesota, Kansas City at San Diego, Jacksonville at San Francisco, and Pittsburgh at Baltimore.

The round began on Thursday with Denver humbling the New York Giants 26-6, Green Bay beating Detroit 34-12, and Dallas accounting for Oakland 24-7. □

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Davydenko advances to semifinals at ATP finals



Russia's Nikolay Davydenko reacts after defeating Sweden's Robin Soderling during their ATP World Tour Finals tennis match against at the O2 Arena in London, Friday, Nov. 27, 2009.

Associated Press

MATTIAS KAREN

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Nikolay Davydenko grabbed the last semifinal spot at the ATP World Tour Finals by beating Robin Soderling 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3 Friday, knocking defending champion Novak Djokovic out of the tournament.

Davydenko, Djokovic and Soderling all finished with two wins in the round-robin phase, but the third-ranked Serb was eliminated on sets. Soderling had already secured

advancement and finished at the top of Group B.

Djokovic beat Rafael Nadal 7-6 (5), 6-3 earlier Friday, handing the Spaniard his third straight loss at the tournament.

Davydenko will face top-ranked Roger Federer in Saturday's first semifinal match. Soderling will take on U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro later in the day.

Davydenko, who reached the final of the lucrative season-ending tournament last year,

broke Soderling for the first time to take a 4-2 lead in the decider and converted his second match point when the Swede missed an easy forehand at the net with a wide-open court.

The Russian, who double-faulted on the first match point, reacted with a stunned look of disbelief before letting out a celebratory yell.

In a match that featured plenty of big serves but few memorable rallies, Soderling was up a mini-break at 4-3 in the first-set tiebreaker but lost four points in a row. The Russian converted his first set point with an overhead smash. Soderling, who reached his first Grand Slam final this year at the French Open, slipped when running to the net when serving at 4-3 in the second set and fell hard to ground. He got up seemingly unscathed and later got the first break of the match to go up 5-4 before serving out the set.

Both players allowed few break opportunities, with Davydenko winning 80 percent of the points on first serve, to 78 percent for Soderling.

Nadal struggled for the third

match in a row and finished with nearly three times as many unforced errors as winners — 35 to 12. He needed medical treatment on his lower back at 2-1 in the second set, and was broken in the next game.

The second-ranked Spaniard saved two match points in the final game before sending a backhand wide on the third.

Djokovic had even more errors — 37 — but hit 21 winners and made fewer mistakes than Nadal when it mattered.

Nadal had broken back twice in the first set to reach the tiebreaker, where he shanked a couple of forehands and quickly fell behind 6-2. He saved three set points before sending a forehand wide on the fourth.

Nadal said he lacked the "necessary calm" at decisive moments. "For example, the forehand in 6-5 of the tiebreak, was an easy ball," he said. "And when you are playing good, that wouldn't be a problem, that ball. But, you know, I had the mistake, I lose the set, and with that set the match." Nadal leaves the tournament without having won a single set, and is now on a four-match losing streak after losing to Djokovic in the semifinals of the Paris Masters this month. It's his worst streak since finishing 2003 with consecutive first-round losses in Basel, Madrid and Lyon and then starting 2004 with a loss to Thierry Ascione in Chennai, India. □

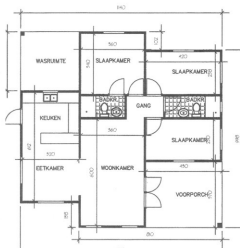
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México detuvo casi 1.800 secuestradores y desarticuló 270 bandas en 15 meses

México (EFE) - El Gobierno mexicano aseguró esta semana que las policías del país han arrestado en los últimos 15 meses a cerca de 1.800 presuntos secuestradores y desarticulado 270 bandas dedicadas a este delito, considerado por el presidente Felipe Calderón como "el que más agravia" y "más ofende" a la ciudadanía.

En la XXVII sesión del Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Pública (CNSP) que encabeza Calderón junto con varios ministros, el fiscal general de México, 32 gobernadores y representantes municipales, el mandatario sostuvo que hay ya "una tendencia a la baja" de este delito en relación a los casos denunciados o conocidos de modo indirecto por las autoridades.

La reunión revisa los 75 compromisos adquiridos el 21 de agosto de 2008 por los Gobiernos federal, estatal y municipal relacionados con el Acuerdo Nacional de Seguridad Pública, que fue suscrito ante varias ONGs después del secuestro y asesinato en junio de 2008 de Fernando Martí, el joven hijo del prominente empresario Alejandro Martí.

El secretario ejecutivo del CNSP, Jorge Tello Peón, sostuvo que entre el 1 de enero y el 15 de noviembre de 2009 los casos de secuestro atendidos crecieron un 3,8% respecto a los mismos meses del año pasado.

El promedio mensual de secuestros registrados en lo que va de año en el país fue de 111, si bien pasó 138 en julio a 56 en noviembre, "con una clara tendencia descendente en los últimos cuatro meses", dijo el alto funcionario mexicano. □

Temblor de 5,6 grados en Venezuela

CARACAS (AP) - Dos sismos de 5,6 grados y 3,5 grados se registraron la madrugada del viernes en los estados occidentales de Falcón y Lara, sin que se hayan reportado heridos ni mayores daños materiales, informaron las autoridades.

El primer movimiento telúrico de 5,6 grados de magnitud ocurrió a las 3 y 45 de la mañana (08.15 GMT) en la localidad de Churuguara, estado Falcón, según informó la Fundación Venezolana de Investigaciones Sismológicas (Funvisis) en su página de internet.

El epicentro del primer sismo se ubicó a 45 kilómetros al suroeste de Churuguara, que está

a unos 450 kilómetros al oeste de Caracas

Un segundo temblor de 3,5 grados de magnitud se registró a las 3 y 58 de la mañana (08.28 GMT), y tuvo como epicentro la localidad de Carora, estado Lara, a unos 300 kilómetros al oeste de Caracas.

El director de Protección Civil del estado Lara, Héctor Vargas, dijo al canal de noticias Globovisión que los dos temblores no generaron heridos y solo unos pequeños daños materiales en algunas localidades de Lara.

Los temblores también se sintieron en el estado centro costero de Carabobo, según informaron las autoridades. □

Debate sobre clima eleva temperatura en cumbre del Caribe

PUERTO ESPAÑA (AP) - La inminente cumbre global sobre el clima ha elevado la temperatura en lo que suele ser una reunión discreta de gobernantes de las excolonias británicas del Caribe. Los jefes de gobierno de la Mancomunidad se reúnan en las próximas horas para discutir el cambio climático,

anticipando la cumbre mundial de Copenhague. Los líderes del bloque de 53 naciones, que ha perdido presencia en los últimos años, dicen que tienen una oportunidad para influir sobre el debate global. "Podemos elevar nuestras voces políticamente", dijo el primer ministro trinitario

Patrick Manning, anfitrión de la cumbre bienal. "Creemos que podemos tener alguna influencia sobre las discusiones en Dinamarca". Asisten a la reunión líderes extracomunitarios como el secretario general de la ONU, Ban Ki-moon, y el presidente francés Nicolas Sarkozy. □

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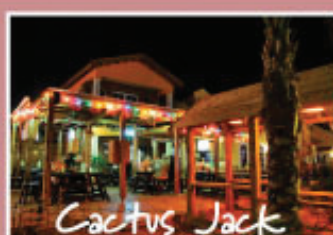


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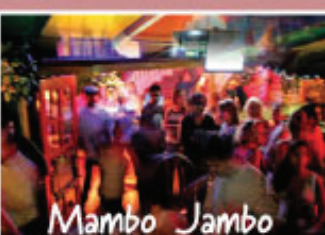
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